

Background on Housing's LEP Implementation Activities

- Housing Operations/CMD is coordinating Housing's LEP efforts, and these will be expanded in the future.
- LEP requirements in SuperNOFA.

Current LEP Activities - Documents

- Vital Documents: *How to Avoid Foreclosure, For Your Protection, Get a Home Inspection (Form).*
- Consumer brochures include *100 Questions and Answers About Buying a New Home (Spanish), HUD Homebuying Guide (Spanish), Don't Be a Victim of Loan Fraud.*
- Evaluate other language requirements.

LEP Implementation

- Translate all revised and new consumer brochures into Spanish and other languages as funds permit.
- These will be downloadable from the HUD web site.
- CMD will set up a work group to better define critical/vital and other documents and assist in the LEP implementation within Housing.

LEP Implementation

- LEP information will be added to the Housing web site, and link to HUD's LEP site (and to federal LEP web sites).
- Fact sheets will be developed by CMD on LEP and distributed to grantees (ex. Sample LEP Plan).
- CMD will act as a "clearinghouse" in gathering information related to, and facilitating LEP.

Sample LEP Implementation: HUD's Fresno, CA Field Office

- Serves eight counties in one of most ethnically diverse areas of state.
- To assist large Hmong population, developed homeownership video, Hmong webpage, translated FHA brochure into Hmong to explain basic products.
- Staff work closely with local Hmong real estate professionals and lenders.
- Also did a Spanish “novella”.

Next Steps

- CMD needs examples of LEP related efforts by grantees and other partners.
- Team will be established within Housing to better coordinate in/external inputs and provide LEP information back to recipients.

Resources

- CMD contact: Clyde_K._Rodkey@hud.gov
- Housing counseling web site:
www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/
- Main HUD LEP site:
<http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/promotingfh/lep.cfm>